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TO THE READER.

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WE have not only heard from former Ages, but have ourselves been Witnesses of God's Wonders that he has brought forth amongst us, visibly declaring his Power and Goodness to the Sons of Men, in so sensible a manner, as to make all reasonable and thinking People admire and adore his Mercy, and of various Kinds, which we shall herein give many Instances, as they occur in their sundry Methods.

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A ſtrange and wonderful Account of the raining of Wheat out of the Skies in Wiltſhire.

WE have an Account from divers Perſons of Credit, in the County of *Wilts*, That ſome People being early abroad on the 27th. of *June* laſt, to get in their Hay, and about their other neceſſary Occaſions, obſerved Grains of Wheat to drop on them, and on the Ground round about them; ſome very long, ſome more round than uſually our Wheat is, and ſome as it were Triangle or Three-corner'd: At firſt they ſuppoſed it might be blown from the neighbouring

Ricks or Barns, the Wind being pretty high, and the Weather very hot, which might make the Husk give way, and looſen the Grain; or that ſome Birds flying over their Heads, might drop it out of their Beaks: But upon a more ſtricter Obſervation it happened from none of theſe; for in ſome Places it fell ſo thick, that ſome of them picked up a Pint in a little ſpace and found it along the Road, near *Wodden Baſſet*. And here it ſo happened in divers other Parts of that County to their great Admiration and Aſtoniſhment; ſo that upon ſome Showers of Rain that fell, ſoon after ſprung up in the Roads and other Places, where no other Wheat had been known to be ſcattered in many Years. Some Letters that brought this Relation to Town, had ſeveral of the Grains of Wheat enclоſed in them, looking of a yellowiſh Colour, and ſomewhat ſmaller than our uſual Wheat.

We have an Account of the like that ſince has happened in *York-ſhire*, near a Market Town, called *Wigton*.

This is the Lord's Doings, and is marvellous in our Eyes. Therefore, ſince God

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provides for us as he did for the Children of *Israel*, when he ſhowred Quails and Manna on them, let us be thankful; let thoſe he has bleſſed with Riches and Plenty remember their poor Brethren in theſe hard Times, that ſo God may continue his Bleſſing on us and our Heritage.

Give Alms of thy Goods, and never turn thy Face from any poor Man, and then the Face of the Lord ſhall not be turned away from thee, Tobit 4. 7.

CHAP. II.

An Account of the Kentiſh Wonder, or Graſs-Fields ſprouting up with Wheat, unſown, ſome of them Six Ears on a Root, near Maidſtone, *&c.*

ANother wonderful Providence, much to the ſame purpoſe, we have from a Place near *Maidſtone*, in the County of *Kent*; which take in the following manner:

Near to this Town lived an honeſt Farmer, who by his Induſtry had raiſed himſelf pretty well in the World, and gained

a very good Repute among his Neighbours, especially the poorer sort, for his Charitable Inclination to relieve their Wants and Necessities, in dear and hard Times. When, in the last scarce Winter, some other Farmers sharply reproved him for under-selling his Corn, he reply'd, Seeing God had given him all he had, it was but Reason the Poor, as God had commanded, should have the benefit of it, seeing the oftner he had relieved their Necessities, the more Blessings followed him.

He had this Year divers Pasture-Gounds, that had been lay'd down from any Ploughing, for the space of Four Years past, and through which no Corn had been carry'd that it might by careleſneſs or otherways scatter, when to the great Wonder and Amazement of himself and others, in the Spring, expecting Grass to spring up Blades of Corn, instead of it, sprouted up innumerable, so that Cattel was put in to eat it down, as supposing it would grow up to nothing but Straw, and hinder the Grass from putting out; but in a little while perceiving it grew amain, notwithstanding the feeding, he drove out the Cattle, resolving

to try what it would come to: When in the Seaſon, it put forth Ears very large; and it is ſaid, upon ſome, or a great many of the Stalks, were divers Ears, as 3, 4, and ſome 6; and that it is now growing flouriſhing, to the Admiration of all that behold it, eſpecially in one large Field behind his Houſe, he giving any that come to ſee it, leave to pluck the Ears, and carry them away, as Tokens of God's wonderful Work of Providence.

From this, *Let us remember to do Good, and forget not; for with ſuch Sacrifices God is well pleaſed.*

He that hath Pity on the Poor, lendeth to the Lord, and look what he layeth out, it ſhall be payed him again, Prov. 19. 17.

CHAP. III.

A wonderful Relation of a dreadful Storm of Hail, that happened at Darlington, *in the Biſhoprick of* Durham, *on the* 2d. *of* July, 1694.

STrange are the Wonders and Products of the Airy Region, in forming ſeveral Shapes, as well as airy Phantoms of

Men and Horſes, Caſtles, Ships, and the like, and many times repreſenting Fights and Battels, with great Lightnings and Thunders, as well Curtains of fiery and dusky Clouds, to draw over the ſeeming Tragick Scene. As alſo the formation of Vapours congealed or condenſed into a ſolid Ice or Hail in the Sky, in ſuch Forms and Faſhions, as has outdone Man's Art to invent.

This has happened at ſundry times in ſmall Quantities; but for largeneſs and ſtrange Forms, ſcarce any have paralell'd what we are about to deſcribe.

At *Darlington*, in the Biſhoprick of *Durham*, on the 2*d*. of *July*, 1694. about 3 of the Clock in the Afternoon, a great dark Cloud ariſing from *Weſt*, and by *North*, ſpread it ſelf very wide over the compaſs of a great quantity of Ground, when immediately a Clap or Two of Thunder breaking from it, with ſome Flaſhes of Lightning, e're the Travellers, and ſuch as were getting in their Hay, and about other rural Affairs, could get ſhelter, to which they haſted, as fearing only

only a terrible Wetting, great Hailſtones fell down to the bigneſs of Pigeons Egs in great abundance, inſomuch that divers People were ſore hurt, as alſo the ſmaller ſort of Cattle who ſtood piteouſly crying and blating in the Fields, and on the Plains; the Shepherds by the ſudden ſurprize being forc'd to fly to ſhelter and leave them. The Tiles and Windows in ſome Villages thereabouts, were miſerably ſhatter'd and broken, and divers Starks, Crows, and Daws then upon the wing, were beaten down, ſome dead and ſome wounded.

The main force of this terrible Storm continued ſcarce a quarter of an Hour; but the oldeſt People declare they never ſaw any ſo fierce and violent in all their Times.

The Storm being over, and the Peoples Fears a little diſſipated, divers of the Stones were taken up and found to be 4, 5, and 6 Inches in circumference, and many in various Forms, as Swords, Coronets, Pears, Peaches, Plumbs, bearded Ears of Corn, Roots, and Flowers, and divers others, which they really reſembl'd, or Peoples Fancy enclin'd them to: But the Weather hereupon growing extream hot, they va-

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niſhed in a diſſolution of Water. We do not hear it has any ways much endamag'd the Corn in theſe Places; firſt, by reaſon of the ſhort continuance of the one, and the not being full grown up of the other.

Thus we ſee how terribly God can arm the Elements, when he pleaſes, to ſcare us from the dull ſecurity of our Sins to a timely and lively Repentance: For as *David* ſays, *He made Darkneſs his ſecret Place, his Pavilion round about him with dark Water, and thick Clouds to cover him.— The Lord alſo thundred out of Heaven, and the Higheſt uttered his Voice, Hailſtones & Fire*, Pſ. 18. 11. 13.

CHAP. IV.

An Account of a terrible and monſtrous Whale, diſcovered off the River Humber, *and the Encounter that happened between it and ſome Fiſher-men*, &c.

SOme ſmall Veſſels, the 27*th.* of *June*, being a little beyond the Mouth of the River *Humber*, the Wind at South-Weſt and by Weſt, blowing a freſh gale, one of the Men going up to order the Sail, eſpy'd, about a Furlong from them, the Water to ſpout up and fly in the Air, which made them conceit, at firſt, it might be a

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Watergall fallen into the Sea; but coming nearer, they perceived the Head of a mighty Fiſh toſſing up, and ſtill as that ducked down, her Tail appeared, and found it to be a Whale of a vaſt bigneſs, computed between 40 and 50 Foot long, and about 3 parts of that meaſure in Circumference; wherefore putting before it, and firing a Muſquet twice or thrice, with a haſping Iron, which ſtuck in her Back, they thought to have turned her, that ſhe might have taken the River, but could not: For upon her being wounded, which was very lightly, by reaſon they were not prepared for ſuch an unexpected Encounter, ſhe ſunk about 4 Minutes; and then coming up without the Iron, which 'tis ſuppoſed ſhe had rubbed off, ſhe made away to the N. E. and got clear of them.

CHAP. V.

An Account of the Diſcovery of the bloody Murther and Robbery committed on Mrs. Le Grand *in* Spittle Fields, *&c.*

STrange and wonderful is God's Providence in diſcovering the Wickedneſs and Barbarity of Mankind, in ſhedding his

his fellow-Creatures Blood; and defacing, by that impious Violence, the Image of his Creator, as has been evidently demonſtrated by the ſtrange ways Murthers have been brought to light, though committed never ſo ſecretly; ſometimes by Men's reſtleſs and guilty Conſciences, and ſometimes by Ghoſts and Spirits, of which Examples Hiſtory and Authors treating of ſuch Subjects, are very full, and give ſuch Inſtances, ſo well teſtified and confirmed by credible Perſons, that they are beyond Contradiction.

But among others, we ſhall preſent you with a very late Diſcovery of a barbarous and bloody Murther, no leſs remarkable in the Circumſtances, and *Hand* of Providence that brought it to light, than any of the former.

In a Place called *Spitt'e-Fields*, near the *Artil'ery Ground*, by *Biſhopſgate-ſtreet*, *London*, lived one Mrs. *Le Grand*, by Birth a Walloon French-woman, but had a long time been in *England*, marry'd to a Maſter-Weaver; who having a very conſiderable Trade, got Money apace, and

and dying, left his Wife, the Party above-mention'd, very rich, but withal, ſo niggardly and pining, that to Strangers eſpecially, ſhe ſeemed to be the pooreſt Woman in the Place, and ſtuck not to receive the Charity of well diſpoſed People, in private, tho', at the ſame time, ſhe was better able to give them. She continued privately to lend out Money upon the Tally, and by other Methods, ſo that ſhe had hoarded up more Riches then can eaſily be believ'd, ſome ſay 10000 Pounds, and the leaſt 2000. But notwithſtanding all her cunning, ſome of her Kindred got an inkling of it, and eſpecially one *John Jewſter*, who kept an Ale-houſe in *Biſhopſgate-ſtreet*, and ſaid to marry one of her Kinſwomen; and ſhe, it ſeems, living longer than he expected, he undertook to rid her by a more ſpeedy way: For confederating with one *Butler*, a Perſon of a notorious Life, and Others, they on the 8*th*. of *June*, lay'd a Plot to Rob her; and the next Day they proceeded, between 9 and 10 in the Evening, to put it in practice: When as *Jewſter*, *Butler*, and another, came to her Houſe, and finding none

none but her, and an old Woman within, they, under pretence of coming about Buſineſs, got entrance; and having cloſe ſhut the Door, without any other Ceremony, *Butler* ſiez'd Mrs. *Le Grand*, and barbarouſly Murther'd her by ſtrangling, &c. and then girt a Handkerchief ſo faſt about the Neck of the other old Woman, that leaving her for Dead, they fell to breaking open the Cheſts, Boxes, and Trunks, where they found ſuch large quantities of Money, that they were not able to carry off a half part of it; yet loaded themſelves ſo hard, that a 200 Pound Bag was found drop'd in the Street, tho' they were not purſu'd.

Soon after their Departure, the Linnen about the laſt old Woman's Neck ſlackning, by a Hand of Providence, as it were to bring this Wickedneſs to light, ſhe groaned ſo hard, that a next Neighbour heard her; and coming to ſee what the Matter was, found the Door open, and one murther'd Body in the Houſe. Whereupon calling for other Neighbours, they entred and found what had happen'd. Three Days after, the murthered Woman was buried

buried; and tho' ſtrict Enquiry was made, and many Houſes ſearched, yet no diſcovery, in ſome time, was made; nor were the Parties that really did it, any ways ſuſpected, till ſuch time as Providence brought it to light: For one *Francis Jewſter*, Brother to the aforemention'd Party of that Name, having been made acquainted with the Buſineſs, and deſired to be there, (tho' it does not appear he was with them) he grew ſo reſtleſs, for fear of being brought in for a ſnack, or rather the Hand of Heaven compelling him to it, that he could not reſt till he had diſcover'd it by Words he let drop; which caus'd him to be brought upon Examination before a Magiſtrate, and there he declar'd as much as they had made him privy to. Upon this, He, his Brother, and *Butler*, were committed to Gaol; and the Seſſions coming on, they took their Tryals at the Seſſions-Houſe, in the *Old-Baily*, on the 13*th.* of *July*; where not appearing *Butler*, & Others, killed Mrs. *Le Grand*, *John Jewſter* being there at that time, they were found guilty of the Murther and Felony, and receiv'd Sentence of Death, and were ſince executed. But *Francis*

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CHAP. VI.

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and declared he could not die quiet, till
had revealed a Secret, which happen'd
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gave up the Ghoſt, to anſwer for it befo
the Righteous Judge of all the Earth.

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